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9G1AA CARDS. It was reported on one of the DX nets on August 13th, that a W2 down in Florida had recently made a trip to the Netherlands, and had visited several of the ops who put 9G1AA on the air. He reports they are presently waiting on the QSL cards. They have the labels prepared and they will bring them stateside for mailing some time in August.

BV9P, PRATAS. Rumor is circulating that the Pratas trip has now been delayed until August and that Martti, OH2BH, has agreed to join the operators there.

KA3KJH/S0, WESTERN SAHARA. Back on May 25, 1993, OPDX published (OPDX.104) comments by Arseli Echeguren Bardeci, EA2JG (R.A.S.D Manager), stating KA3KJH was operating without permission and was not operating within the S0 territory. This week OPDX received two letters from Gerry, KA3KJH, (which was forwarded by Paul, W8GIO) refuting the allegations by EA2JG. Gerry states he is in Western Sahara as a United Nations military observer monitoring the cease fire between the Frente Polisario military and Royal Moroccan Army. His location is at Agwanit (the UN Teamsite), in the southeast of Western Sahara. Gerry states he has been there since February and will remain until August. Upon his arrival, Gerry requested authorization to operate an amateur station from this location. As there is no standing civil authority in this region, Gerry worked with the military commander of the Frente Polisario there and requested the use of the call KA3KJH/S0. Gerry only presumed this was coordinated with the Polisario government in exile in Algeria, as there was a brief delay before his operations was approved. Also, Gerry has met with S01MZ, Director of Communications, and has enjoyed tea and pleasant conversation with him, without any questionable references about his operation. This, Gerry feels, assures that his call sign and operations are legitimate. Gerry indicated that EA2JG has not contacted him directly, nor has any other individuals or groups, with regards about his operations. All materials for accreditation will go to the ARRL after his return to the USA in August.

KH3, JOHNSTON ISLAND. Two stations were active this past week from here, KH3/N5HX and KH3/NH6D. Activity was on 15 and 20 meter CW around 0130z and 1030z.

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS. Martin ("MART"), DK7ZB, will be active as OH0/DK7ZB from July 25th to Aug 20th. Activity will be on CW only and on all bands

6-160 meters, especially on the WARC bands. Martin should have a great signal using a 3 element beam on 10/12/15 meters, a 2 element beam on 17/20 meters, a Delta-Loop on 30/40 meters and a Double-Zepp on 80/160 meters. PLEASE only QSL via the Bureau.

PY0, TRINDADE & MARTIN VAZ ISLANDS. Rolf, PY1R0, will operate from Trindade for about 5 days starting about July 28th. He will operate mainly CW on 10-160 meters, including the WARC bands (less 10 MHz, because no legal privileges in Brazil). For the IOTA chasers, Rolf may operate from Martin Vaz Island for a short period during those 5 days (This has never been activated!). Rolf will make an announcement if the possibility arises to be active from Martin Vaz (For DXCC this counts the same as Trindade). The call signs are not known yet, but QSLs will go to: Rolf Rasp, P.O. Box 51, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 20000-970, Brazil.

VP2, ANGUILLA. NODXA member John, KA3DBN, will be active as VP2EBN from August 22-30. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, CW, SSB, and RTTY. He plans to concentrate on 18, 24 and 10 MHz CW. John also plans to be active from St. Maartin for a few days towards the end of his stay. QSL via Bureau or direct to his CBA.

VS6, HONG KONG. Martti Laine, OH2BH, will soon be moving to Hong Kong and he will be there for the next 2 years. We may expect a big-time signal out of VS6 and perhaps some additional good Far East DXpeditions. Martti will be a regional sales manager for a Finnish Cellular Telephone company. His territory will include BV, BY, VS6/VR2, DU, HL and P5!

ZS8, MARION ISLAND. ZS8MI continues to be active on 14195 between 1000Z and 1400Z on longpath. He has also been reported on 14247 and 21205. Christie also reports he will start some CW operation in August.

DXAC HAPPENINGS. Here are the results of two DXAC votes that were announced July 12th: 1) The DXAC voted 6 yes and 10 no on the question of adding band or mode-specific Honor Rolls to the DXCC program. Those voting against the proposal were concerned about a proliferation of awards. 2) The DXAC voted unanimously against a proposal that would have changed the Countries List Criteria Point 2, Separation by Water. Under the failed proposal, distances would have changed from 225 2(a) and 500-mile 2(b) separations to 100 miles 2(a) and 100 miles 2(b). Committee members felt there was insufficient support for the proposed change.

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